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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IC13-10-000]

COMMISSION INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES (FERC Form 6-Q);
COMMENT REQUEST; EXTENSION

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC Form 6-Q, Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due **[insert date that is 60 days after publication in the Federal Register]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-10-000) by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's Web Site: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>
- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance

contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at

<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC Form 6-Q (Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies)

OMB Control No.: 1902-0206

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC Form 6-Q information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: Under the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA)¹, the Commission is authorized and empowered to make investigations and to collect and record data to the extent FERC may consider to be necessary or useful for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the ICA. FERC must ensure just and reasonable rates for transportation of crude oil and petroleum products by pipelines in interstate commerce.

The Commission uses the information collected by FERC Form 6-Q to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the ICA to include the authority to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda, as necessary or appropriate. Financial accounting and reporting provides necessary

¹ 49 USC Part 1, Section 20, 54 Stat. 916

information concerning a company's past performance and its future prospects. Without reliable financial statements prepared in accordance with the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts and related regulations, the Commission would be unable to accurately determine the costs that relate to a particular time period, service, or line of business.

The Commission uses data from the FERC Form 6-Q to assist in:

1)implementation of its financial audits and programs, 2)continuous review of the financial condition of regulated companies, 3)assessment of energy markets, 4)rate proceedings and economic analyses, and 5)research for use in litigation.

Financial information reported on the quarterly FERC Form 6-Q provides FERC, as well as customers, investors and others, an important tool to help identify emerging trends and issues affecting jurisdictional entities within the energy industry. It also provides timely disclosures of the impacts that new accounting standards, or changes in existing standards, have on jurisdictional entities, as well as the economic effects of significant transactions, events, and circumstances. The reporting of this information by jurisdictional entities assists the Commission in its analysis of profitability, efficiency, risk and in its overall monitoring.

Type of Respondents: Oil Pipelines

Estimate of Annual Burden²: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

² The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

FERC Form 6-Q: Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies				
Number of Respondents (A)	Number of Responses Per Respondent (B)	Total Number of Responses (A)x(B)=(C)	Average Burden Hours per Response (D)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (C)x(D)
155	3	465	150	69,750

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$4,882,500 [69,750 hours * \$70/hour³ = \$4,882,500].

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 30, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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³ FY2013 Estimated Average Hourly Cost per FERC FTE, including salary + benefits